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Claim Amendments

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions,

~~and listings~~ and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (original): A sheet-processing machine, comprising:

a conveyor for transporting processed sheets at a processing speed and for releasing the sheets for braking to a depositing speed;

a braking element for braking the released sheets to the depositing speed;

a drive for said braking element; and

a drive connection for connecting said drive to said braking element, said drive connection having an overrunning clutch; and

a brake for retarding said braking element.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The machine according to claim 1, wherein said braking element comprises:

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an endless suction belt perforated with suction openings and being revolvable during operation, said suction belt having a braking strand; and

said brake, being configured as a suction box provided with a braking surface formed with suction openings and being able to be swept over by said braking strand.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The machine according to claim 2, ~~which further comprises a~~ wherein said brake includes an actively acting brake assembly in addition to said braking surface for temporarily retarding said braking element.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The machine according to claim 1, wherein said braking element is a rotational body.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The machine according to claim 4, wherein said rotational body constitutes a suction ring.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The machine according to claim 4, wherein said rotational body constitutes a suction roller.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The machine according to claim 1, wherein said drive connection is severable.

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Claim 8 (original): The sheet-processing machine according to
claim 1 configured as a rotary printing press.
